

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3, "BUILDING REGULATIONS", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS:

- PART 1: That Chapter 3, "Building Regulations", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of College Station, Texas, be amended as set out in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.
- PART 2: That if any provisions of any section of this ordinance shall be held to be void or unconstitutional, such holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining provisions or sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.
- PART 3: That any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day such violation shall continue or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense. Said Ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective sixty (60) days after its date of passage by the City Council, as provided by Section 35 of the Charter of the City of College Station.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2000.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CONNIE HOOKS, City Secretary

LYNN McILHANEY, Mayor

APPROVED:

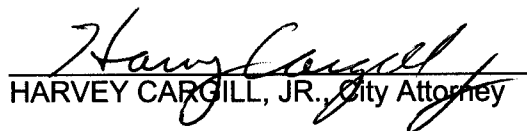

HARVEY CARGILL, JR., City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

APPENDIX 2

ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED

A booklet entitled 'National Electrical Code 1996 1999 Edition' as amended and as hereafter may be amended, at least one (1) copy of which is on file in the office of the Building Official of the City of College Station, Texas, is hereby adopted and designated as the Electrical Code of the City of College Station, Texas.

AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

A. The above referenced 'National Electrical Code' is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 210-23(a) shall be amended to delete the reference to 15 ampere branch circuits. It shall also be amended to include after the words '... are also supplied' the following sentence: 'However, a circuit of twenty (20) amperes shall not serve more than ten openings.'
2. Table 210-24 shall be amended by adding the following: 'Reference all 14 AWG conductor indicated in the table with asterisks (***) and add this footnote at the bottom of the table *** special note: Except for fixture wires in UL or other listed fixtures, no conductor of a size smaller than 12 AWG copper is allowed in branch circuit wiring.'
3. Section 210-52(b)(1) shall be amended by adding the following: 'Exception No. 3: A separate circuit is required for each refrigerator, deep freeze, dishwasher, disposal, trash compactor or any other load exceeding six (6) amperes.'
4. Section 210-52(c) shall be amended by adding the following at the end of the section: 'Exception: A separate circuit is required for microwave ovens or any other counter top appliance with a load exceeding six (6) amperes.'
5. Section 210-52(f) shall be amended to include after the words '... for the laundry.' the following sentence: 'However, a separate circuit is required for a washing machine or any other laundry appliance with a load exceeding six (6) amperes.'
6. Section 210-52 shall be amended by adding the following subsection: '(j) Other Locations. A separate circuit is required for each well pump or other outdoor loads exceeding six (6) amperes.'
7. The Electrical Code shall be amended by adding the following section: 230-10 Meter Mounting Heights. Individual meters shall be mounted at a height not greater than 5'-6" nor less than 4'-6" above finished grade, measured to the center line of the meter base. Meter packs shall be mounted with its horizontal centerline not greater than 4'-6" nor less than 4'-0" above finished grade.

Exception: Meters and meter packs may be mounted at a different height by special permission of the Building Official or his designee when special conditions make the installation at the above heights impractical.
8. Section 230-72 shall be amended by adding section (d) to read: '(d) Location: The service disconnecting means shall be installed at a readily accessible location. Such location shall be on the outside of commercial buildings or structures. Residential buildings may provide this disconnecting means either outside or inside the nearest point of entrance of the service conductors.'

9. Section 250- 52(c)(1) and (2) shall be amended by allowing only copper coated grounds.
10. Section 310-2(b) shall be amended to read as follows: 'Conductor Material. Conductors in this article shall be copper only.'
11. Section 333-4 shall be amended to read as follows: 'Uses Not Permitted. Type AC cable shall not be permitted in commercial buildings as a wiring method.'
- ~~12. Section 334-4 shall be amended to read as follows: "Uses not permitted. Type MC cable shall not be permitted in commercial buildings as a wiring method."~~